

THE CHAPEL ROYAL HAMPTON COURT PALACE

CHORAL EVENSONG



*Welcome to the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace for this service of Choral Evensong. The Psalms and Hymn numbers set for today's service are found in the **Music List**.*

*The congregation is invited to join in the Hymns and the text in **bold type**.*

*The choir may sing an **Introit***

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Priest may read a sentence of Scripture. He then invites the congregation to confess their sins.

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most

worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

All say together

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us
miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,
and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

The Priest declares God's forgiveness.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be

pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PRECES

Sung by Priest and the choir

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
[The Lord's name be praised.]

THE OFFICE HYMN

THE PSALMS

Sit

The set psalms are in the Music List, and can be found in the second half of the Book of Common Prayer.

*Towards the end, the congregation **stands** with the Priest for the final Gloria ('Glory be to the Father...').*

THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from the Old Testament

Sit

THE MAGNIFICAT

Sung by the choir

Stand

My soul doth magnify the Lord;
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth,
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him,
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm,
He hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen
his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON
A reading from the New Testament

Sit

THE NUNC DIMITTIS
Sung by the choir

Stand

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation
which thou hast prepared
before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people, Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Turn to face the Altar and say together

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy Catholick Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

Sung by the priest and choir

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Kneel

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. Amen.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only
thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

For the Day, for Peace and for Protection

THE ANTHEM

Sit

Sung by the choir

**THE PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN
and INTERCESSIONS**

Kneel

HYMN

Stand

During this hymn a Collection is taken.

THE BLESSING

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen!**

The priest and choir sing the final Responses.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord; *or* The Lord give us his peace;
Thanks be to God. And life eternal. Amen